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CHRONICLE.

THE members of the Society, while called to rejoice in the increased number of missionaries recently sent forth to the different fields of operation, and more particularly to the populous and benighted regions of the East, have been reminded from time to time that the expenditure of the Society was necessarily largely increasing, and that its *ordinary annual income* was quite inadequate to meet its multiplying claims. Indeed, had it not been for the special funds generously contributed in past years in the prospect of these enlarged operations, such an amount of expenditure could not with propriety have been incurred. With most abundant fruit and still more gratifying prospects, God has already rewarded these generous offerings for His service. But, in order to continue the present amount of labour and to gather in the ripening harvest, *sustained efforts*, and to a yet larger amount, are indispensable. The Directors are therefore constrained to appeal to their constituents for such increased assistance, and they earnestly hope that the present urgent claims of the Society will be met with cheerfulness and generosity, especially by the Churches who have so long been affiliated with the institution, and whose exertions, sanctified by fervent prayer, have been followed by “much fruit” in every sphere of missionary operation.

EXTENDED LABOURS AND URGENT NECESSITIES OF THE
LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY, after a career extending over seventy-six years, now finds a “wide and effectual door” opened before it in all parts of the heathen world: while, especially from the regions of the East, so long closed against missionary operations, an urgent call for help is at length heard.

Its early fields of labour in the South Seas continue to afford abundant fruit; and many "dark lands," yet unoccupied, are eagerly waiting for "the Word of Life."

The connection of the Society with Madagascar is again formed, and the whole cost of the Mission, amounting to at least £3000 per annum, is now, through the exhaustion of the special fund, thrown upon the ordinary income of the Society; while additional schools and schoolmasters are required to meet the growing wants of the people, on whom the Papal Church is fixing its hopes, and in the midst of whom its agents are already labouring with unceasing zeal.

The addition to the staff of missionaries during the past year, and the prospective increase for the present year, render it imperative that immediate and strenuous efforts should be made to augment the Society's *ordinary* income, as its present resources will be found quite insufficient to meet its future current expenditure, and forbidding any attempts to enter upon new spheres of operation.

During the past year no less than 23 missionaries have been sent forth—5 to China, 5 to the South Seas, 4 to India, 2 to South Africa, 1 to the West Indies, 1 to Madagascar; the remaining 5 being missionaries who have returned to their stations with reinvigorated health.

Since the Anniversary in May, twelve *new* labourers have taken leave of the Directors, nine of whom are for the East; and thus, though the Missions in China and India have required an outlay of more than £40,000 during the past year, the prospective expense will be increased, rather than diminished, during the year current.

The Directors earnestly wish to avail themselves of the wonderful openings for the publication of the Gospel of Christ in China, by maintaining a permanent staff of at least twenty European missionaries in that country; but it must be borne in mind that each additional agent will require an outlay of £500 per annum to support him *and provide the various requirements of his Mission Station.*

In addition to these *European* missionaries sustained by the Society in the East, there are also *fifteen ordained Native Pastors*, who must at present be provided for, though it is anticipated that, in due season, they will be sustained by the Churches to whom they minister the Word of God.

Thus it will be seen that the Society's prospective difficulties are the necessary result of *its past success and present efficiency*. The Lord has heard the prayers of His Church, and has opened wide and ever-widening fields of labour; He has raised up also efficient Christian labourers, many of whose names are honoured throughout Christendom; and nothing is now wanting but a more thorough and practical realization of our solemn responsibility in relation to the present wants of the world, and the claims of the Saviour.

Under these circumstances, the Directors look earnestly and hopefully to

their numerous constituents, and with much respect and urgency ask the pastors and deacons of our Churches to present the subject before their congregations and the officers of their auxiliaries, in the best way their judgments may dictate, with a view to enlist the sympathies and secure the hearty co-operation of *new* friends, and, by a more general and complete organization, secure the liberal aid of all who have not hitherto been *personally* interested in the work.

If the Churches in *London*, affiliated with the Society, were moved to increase their ordinary contributions to the extent of 25 per cent., it would yield to the Society an addition of £2000 to its annual income; and would present such an example and incentive to the country at large, as would insure a more enlarged and systematic support, securing the growing prosperity of an Institution which, through so many years, has enjoyed the enlightened confidence of the Churches and the distinguishing blessing of Almighty God.

MISSION HOUSE, BLOMFIELD STREET,
September 1st, 1866.

MADAGASCAR.

THE communications from our missionaries, published during successive months of the last year, need only to be collected and reviewed to show to every intelligent Christian reader that God is carrying onward, by the grace of His Holy Spirit, a great work, not only in the city of ANTANANARIVO, but in the towns and villages near and distant in many parts of the country. The letter which we now insert, from the Rev. R. G. HARTLEY, is of the same cheering character as the former; and we trust that the friends of the Madagascar Mission will not become "weary in well doing," but labour on in proportion to the ample reward already granted to their labours.

The *Special Fund*, by which the present agents were introduced to that populous but degraded country, and sustained during the first years of their ministry, has been for some time exhausted, and the outlay is now dependent on the Society's annual resources. This, amounting to about £3000 a year, will, we trust, be met by the proportionate increase of its ordinary funds; and surely there is no dark land in which our missionaries have ever been permitted to labour with more wonderful indications of the Divine presence and blessing. But it must be remembered that the work is now just begun, and there is much—very much—land yet to be possessed.

"Antananarivo, May 29, 1866.

"DEAR SIR,—I have been requested by the brethren to acknowledge with our best thanks the receipt of the school materials sent by you last winter, and which have arrived here during the past month. They have proved very acceptable, and have arrived very opportunely. We

are now well supplied for some time; copy-books only will be required. An equal division was made among all the schools, as the Central school is now without a regular superintendent, and is, I think, the smallest of all the schools in the capital. This is much to be regretted; but I think that all has been done that could be done for it in the absence of one set apart for that special work. We all naturally feel the greatest interest in our schools, and of these there are seven, some of them very large.

COMPARATIVE IGNORANCE OF THE YOUNG MEN AMONG THE NATIVES.

"In connection with this subject, I may state that great anxiety to obtain instruction is being shown by those who are much older than the pupils to be found in our schools; for the young men are really the worst off in this respect of any of the people. They have grown up since the cessation of the former schools, and are too old to enter the schools now. Thus, while the older men and the children have had, or are having regular instruction, *they* have had little or none. I was surprised to find how few of the men, who are the strength of our Churches, can even write with any freedom. A short time ago I commenced a class for the young men of my congregation. As they have to meet at my house, I strictly limited the number to twelve. So many, however, showed such anxiety to be admitted, that before we had met many times more than forty had joined the class. With very few exceptions, they have had to begin from the very commencement, and require much more rudimentary instruction than many of the children in our schools. Of course I do not expect the number to keep up to the present standard, for nothing does keep up very long in Madagascar; still, I have no doubt that those for whom I first intended the class, whom I know to be really anxious to learn—principally the younger preachers of my two Churches—will persevere, so as to make the time and labour spent upon them fully remunerative. Similar classes are held in other churches.

GROWING INTEREST OF BIBLE CLASSES.

"The Bible classes increase in interest both to the teachers and the taught. They are very largely attended, few of the more intelligent or earnest of the young men not confining themselves to their own missionary, but going about like the 'busy bee,' from one to another. The passages under consideration are discussed most fully. It is no use whatever to try to pass over any point presenting any difficulty. The weak point in an explanation is sure to be found out, and must be cleared up; still, I have never seen anything of an approach to an irreverently 'free handling' of the sacred Scriptures, and I have no fear of Bishop Colenso's 'intelligent Zulu' turning up to trouble us here. The Bible is to them God's word, almost their only book, and the knowledge of it is the only knowledge they care much about. In the country, too, there is the same desire for Scriptural instruction, and of the sixty (more or less) Churches under the immediate superintendence of the missionaries here, none, I believe, is out of easy reach of some class conducted by us in convenient centres. The young men, too, whom we send out to preach in the villages, are often asked to repeat the instruction in the 'thought of the word' which they have received from the vazaha. A letter received from

other day from Fianarantsoa by two young men of my Church, who had been there for a time on government service, speaks of the delight they had in the instruction they communicated to them.

NEW OPENINGS FOR THE GOSPEL.

"At this season of the year we have frequent communication, by means of the members of our Churches visiting the forts on government service, with distant parts of the island. In many of these places the congregation consists not only of the Hovas resident there, but in part also of the much less civilized inhabitants of the districts in which they are situated. To two of these, with which members of my Church have special connection, situated on the east coast, many days' journey north and south of Tamatave, and where no missionary is ever likely to come, I have had opportunity of sending Bibles and lesson books, and a few words of Christian greeting, commending to them our friends who are led to visit them. The class of which our congregations are mainly composed, soldiers and officers of moderate rank and their slaves, are just those who are most liable to be thus sent out, and I do not think that any 'two or three' of our members would settle down anywhere without meeting on the Sabbath for prayer and reading God's Word. The kingdom of heaven is as leaven still.

STATISTICS OF MR HARTLEY'S CHURCHES.

"As I have now, by God's mercy, nearly completed my second year in Madagascar, it will be well to give you a more formal account of the state of my Churches during the last year. The bare enumeration of the names of the country Churches, with the number of their members, I need not trouble you with; they will be furnished in the information collected by Mr. G. Cousins and forwarded by the mail: but of the two town Churches I should like to give fuller information than is contained in those returns. Rather more than a year ago my Church divided under circumstances which I have already laid before you. At the time of the separation the total number of members was 154. Of these 90 remained at Andohalo and 64 formed the Church at Ambohitately. The increase of each Church is as follows:—

ANDOHALO.		AMBOHITANTELY.	
Number of members June, 1865	90	Number of members June, 1865	64
Added during the year	56	Added during the year	105
Expelled	2		
Dead	2		
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Present number of members	142	Present number of members	169
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"This large increase of members has been without any undue excitement, and, with the exception of two or three months, has been well distributed over the year. There has not been one instance of addition by dismissal from other Churches: all has been gain from without. The congregations, too, have increased in like manner, not by robbing other congregations, but by the accession of those who did not 'pray' before. The number of members in the six country Churches which I superintend is 194. The district in which they

are situated is but thinly populated; only three of the congregations are in villages, and these by no means large ones. The others are in private houses in the open country. The following particulars concerning one of them, Imaromandia, will, I think, though consisting only of dates and numbers, be interesting to you. It has existed since 1849, and consisted then of six members. From that time to 1860 there were no additions to it. The chief increase has been since 1863, and it now consists of fifty-one members, and thirty-seven who have received baptism only. Two congregations have sprung from it; yet it is not in or near any village, but meets in the country house of a Christian who lives chiefly in Antananarivo. A congregation is now being formed in a tolerably large village further north, which is not included in the list I have sent through Mr. Cousins. A house has been bought for eleven dollars, and four dollars will be spent in fitting it up as a place of worship; fifteen dollars in all, of which half has been given by the people and half by the missionaries. This is, of course, a chapel of the simplest and rudest kind; still it is something to be able to get a new basis of operation with an expenditure of only three pounds.

"With best regards to Mr. Ellis and yourself,

"I am, my dear Sir,

"Very faithfully yours,

"Rev. Dr. TIDMAN."

"R. G. HARTLEY.

INDIA.

BANGALORE.

CHRISTIAN education, and especially FEMALE education, is the great want of India; and we are thankful to know that vigorous Christian exertions have already been put forth, and are still extending, in aid of this object. Our devoted labourers in BANGALORE are taking their share in this work of mercy; and the following earnest appeal for a suitable schoolhouse for girls in that populous locality, will, we hope, obtain the sympathy and support of all classes of our friends, but especially of the Christian women of England, who cannot too deeply feel for their oppressed and degraded sex.

APPEAL FOR THE ERECTION OF A CENTRAL SCHOOLHOUSE FOR GIRLS.

At the present time in the Pettah of Bangalore about a hundred and fifty Carnarese girls are being educated in the schools of the London Missionary Society. Formerly many of these children attended various small schools; but it was thought desirable to unite these.

We cannot obtain many Christian schoolmasters; and it is difficult to get even a good one among the heathen. This renders it very difficult for the superintendent in conducting a number of small schools to give each one the attention that is necessary to raise the standard of the secular education, and especially to give a sufficient amount of Bible instruction.

By bringing these schools under one roof, and making our Christian master head teacher, the difficulty is greatly lessened. The children are brought more

under Christian influence. All the masters are under constant supervision, and Bible instruction is imparted to all the classes daily.

Although there is now an average attendance of about seventy at the central school, we have no proper schoolhouse for their accommodation.

The school should be built in the centre of the town. We have ground suitable for the purpose, but would need between 2000 and 3000 rupees to erect a good schoolhouse.

Though for the reasons above mentioned we think it exceedingly desirable to have a good central school, we still hope to have in other parts of the town smaller schools, which will be feeders to the larger and will exert a beneficial influence on the immediate neighbourhood. At present we have two such schools.

In asking the friends of Missions to contribute to the building of a Central Schoolhouse for Girls at Bangalore, we are happy to be able to state, that the department of female education among the natives is more encouraging at present than it ever was at any former period.

For many years past the wives of the missionaries at this station took an active share in the work. Mrs. Campbell, who is still in the field, the late Mrs. Rice, who died in the beginning of 1863, and Mrs. Sewell, who is now in England on account of health, all laboured faithfully and successfully in their different spheres, for the good of the females who came under their influence. But there were great obstacles in their way.

But the public preaching of the Gospel, the spread of knowledge through schools and the circulation of tracts and scriptures, the success which has attended such efforts, and the great social changes which in various ways have been effected in the country, have with the Divine blessing been made the means of greatly lessening those obstacles. And, although there is still a lamentable apathy and indifference throughout the community with regard to the education of females, it has become less common to oppose it; and the desire, on the part of some classes of natives, to have their girls, as well as their boys, taught the various branches of a useful education is daily increasing.

We are, therefore, thankful that at such a time, when God is manifestly preparing the way for more extended labour among the females of India, He is also raising up fit instruments for the work.

When Mrs. Campbell returned to India last year, she was accompanied by two esteemed friends, Miss Louisa and Miss Gertrude Anstey. They had been much engaged in labouring for the Lord Jesus at home, and had been favoured with many proofs of His blessing on their efforts. And on their voyage to India there was a remarkable work of grace among the sailors, chiefly in connection with their labours.

They commenced their labours on their arrival at Bangalore, and soon made good progress in Canarese, the language of the country.

It is confidently expected that the openings for usefulness will be greatly increased to both our young friends, as they are prepared to enter them.

A girls' school has also been established at the new out-station, Anekul, about twenty miles south-east of Bangalore. The schoolmaster is well reported of. There are thirty-four children in the school, though it has not been established more than three months. The people of the place are much

pleased with the movement, so that there is every reason to hope that the number of scholars will soon be increased, and that good will be done. This is all the more desirable, as the town (for a country town) is a large and influential one, having a population of 6500.

Besides the Canarese day schools for girls, we have two for Tamil girls, taught by native Christian women. These schools are under the direction of Mrs. Campbell, in which she is assisted by the native pastor of the Tamil Church.

There is also a boarding-school for girls under the care of Mrs. Rice. The number of girls at present in this school is twenty-three.

The agents now labouring in Bangalore in connection with the London Missionary Society are:—three missionaries,* two female missionaries (besides the missionaries' wives), one native pastor, six native evangelists, three catechists, one Bible woman, one colporteur.

Bangalore was taken up as a station by the London Missionary Society in 1820. Many souls since that time have been gathered into the fold of Christ from among the heathen, through the labours of its missionaries; and their labours have also been blessed to the conversion of many of our own countrymen.

The work at present is encouraging, although there is also much to exercise faith and patience. In entering upon the work we counted the cost. If we are called to make sacrifices in it, it is for the sake of Him who laid down His life for us, and bought us with His blood. We labour under the eye of Him to whom all the kingdoms of the world by right belong, and who will inherit all nations. We believe that He prepared our way, and sent us forth; and we feel assured that He will be with us till our work is done. Of Him, as the great Leader of His people and Regenerator of our race, it is said that "He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He have set judgment in the earth, and the isles shall wait for His law." And while we follow Him, trusting in His promises and having the help of His Spirit, we need not be discouraged either. Final victory is sure, and the reward is great. "Let the whole earth be filled with His glory." Amen and Amen.

(Signed) C. CAMPBELL.

The friends of the Society will rejoice to learn that our two young friends, the Misses ANSTEX, constrained by love and pity to the souls of the young, who accompanied Mrs. Campbell to India in the spring of last year, have already, by great diligence, acquired such a knowledge of the native language as actively to commence missionary efforts. This is an attainment in so short a time which many would have thought impossible, but it is an instance of what may be effected by determined effort, combined with humble prayer; and we trust that the example may induce others to follow the footsteps of our devoted young friends.

We subjoin a very interesting report, describing a second visit made by the Misses Anstey to a Canarese village which had received the first rays of heavenly light through their former visit, and where we trust, by their persevering labours, it may shine brighter and brighter to the perfect day.

* Mr. and Mrs. Sewell are now in England for the restoration of health.

"Bangalore, June 23rd, 1866.

"It was with no little pleasure," writes Miss G. Anstey, "that a few weeks ago, we resolved to renew our acquaintance with the people of Anekul; for very interesting were our recollections of a visit to them some months before. As there is no bungalow for the use of travellers in the place, Colonel Dobbs again most kindly sent out his tents to be a dwelling-place for us during our stay in the village. The tents were pitched not in the coolest, but in one of the most frequented places—in a spot where most of the women of the village passed and repassed for the purpose of drawing water from a tank near at hand. Anekul contains a population of about 6500 souls, all of them, with very few exceptions, in a state of heathen or Mahomedan darkness. The name of the village is derived from two Canarese words, viz.:—'ane,' an elephant, and 'kallu,' a stone; and tradition says, that formerly elephants frequented the spot and rested under the shade of a large rock.

A VILLAGE SCHOOL.

"Travelling by moonlight in a bullock-coach, we reached Anekul on the morning of the 1st of June. We then proceeded to the girls' school, in which, during the last two or three months, thirty-four little ones had been gathered together. A deeply interesting little group they formed as they sat upon the ground, their large dark sparkling eyes fixed upon you with wonderment, whilst they learnt for the first time to read and think. The school-room is very dark and low; light and air are admitted through doors which open into dark narrow passages leading out into the street; there are no windows in the room, but an opening in the roof, and on this day the air and light, which might with difficulty enter in on ordinary occasions, were impeded by the number of men and women who crowded into the place to see what was going on.

"The schoolmaster having accidentally touched a little girl with the leg of a chair he was passing over for me to sit on, the little child looked grave, so I picked her up, and having placed her on my knee, to the great amusement of her little companions, the schoolmaster brought her a large handful of brown sugar; then the gladness of her spirit returned to her, and, being placed on the ground, she returned to her seat and joined in the answers to the questions asked, right or wrong, with as much heart as any of her little companions.

SOWING BESIDE ALL WATERS.

"Having returned to our tent, we were soon visited by a great number of men and women; from morning to night during the five days we stayed there we never lacked visitors. Having seated themselves on the ground, they would ask for a 'song,' and were never weary of listening to the 'songs of Zion.' When the singing was over, the meaning of the words would be given to them, and in this way much precious gospel seed was sown.

"In our conversations with the women, we realized the unspeakable blessing education will bestow upon the daughters of India; for want of it their minds are like a wilderness: they appear utterly empty, and it seems as if they had not the power of comprehending the simplest truths of the Gospel. Even should the teaching of their little ones not be accompanied with the blessing

of salvation, as we earnestly pray and hope it may be, yet from it much blessing must come; prejudices against education and enlightenment will be removed, and this will have an elevating and powerful influence on future generations. Let us then praise the Lord for the 'day of small things;' let us not be discouraged that the seed which the missionary oftentimes sows weeping does not spring up to an immediate harvest; let us be fully persuaded that nothing we now do in His name is lost; that the seed which is sown patiently, prayerfully, lovingly, will ere long spring up, for light is spreading rapidly, everywhere dispelling the darkness of heathenism and ignorance. Let us pray hopefully for the Spirit to descend and water the thickly-sown soil, and there shall be an abundant harvest.

"Amongst our other visitors the Tasildar of Anekul came to our tent one evening. He is a very intelligent Brahmin, and has shown himself very friendly to us on several occasions. During our previous visit in Anekul, he came to see us several times, and one evening sent his nephew with a present of fruit, &c.

"When evening came, we were glad to quit the tent and seek outside a breath of cool air, if it were possible to obtain it. Our evening walk was on the comparatively high ground by the side of the tank; there a great number of women were always collected together, busy in ascending and descending the steps which lead down to the brink of the water. When we reached the tank, we were sure in a few minutes to be followed by a large number of people. When thus followed, we sometimes sat down under a tree which was an object of heathen worship, and under its branches the people listened quietly, whilst the only true object of worship was preached to them; and sometimes we rested near some large common-looking stones, on which were engraved the images of serpents; these also were objects of idolatrous worship, and formed the subject for conversation with the people.

"Twice, whilst walking through the village, I was invited to enter a verandah in front of a house. Having accepted the invitation, I was speedily surrounded by dark faces. I looked for a seat, and they pointed to the ground; I sat down, but drew their attention to the dust upon it. The next time, upon inviting me, they hastily swept a little place and there put down a board for me to sit on. Each time they asked for a 'song,' which, having sung, I gave its meaning in the best Canarese I could speak.

THE LORD'S SUPPER IN A STRANGE LAND.

"But of all that we saw and heard during our stay in Anekul, nothing equalled in interest our service on Sunday, when the Lord's Supper was administered for the first time in the place. There were ten communicants in all: our three selves, two catechists and their wives, another agent of the Mission who accompanied us to Anekul to aid in out-door preaching, and a Wesleyan and his wife who had expressed a wish to be present. The room was soon filled with men and women; they all sat with great quietness on the ground. Before the communion service commenced, Mr. Campbell drew the people's attention to the meaning of the service which was to follow, and as they seemed very unwilling to quit the room, they were invited to remain if they maintained perfect silence; they were indeed very quiet, the sound of a

pin falling might have been heard in the stillness and quietness which were kept; it was a deeply interesting as well as a solemn time; some were sitting, and some were standing motionless at the end of the room, all ears and eyes, to the service going on, and when it was concluded, during a few minutes the same stillness was preserved as if the spectators were somewhat awed. Surely the purity, simplicity, and beauty of our service will recommend itself to their hearts and consciences, when contrasted with the sinfulness and impurity of their religious rites and observances. The Lord grant that it may be so!"

TRAVANCORE.

THE subjoined letter, addressed by the Rev. JOHN LOWE to our beloved brother Dr. MULLENS, indicates the gratifying progress and efficiency of measures for the furtherance of an effective native agency, inaugurated during Dr. M.'s recent visit to TRAVANCORE. It is, indeed, a most encouraging fact that in that extensive Mission-field several native brethren, of long-trying Christian character and suitable talents, then received ordination as pastors and evangelists of native Churches, and we are glad to learn from Dr. M. that several more will be added to their number probably within the present year.

"Neyoor, South Travancore, June 20, 1866.

"MY DEAR DR. MULLENS,—I hope that by this time you have safely reached dear old England, found all your friends well, received a joyful welcome from them, and are now settled down to your new duties and responsibilities, and finding much comfort and encouragement in your work.

"It is our earnest prayer that the Lord may give you all needed grace and wisdom and strength to enable you to do very much for the promotion of His glory.

"We often, often think of you, and often speak of your pleasant and profitable visit here. It did us all much good. We needed a little stirring up, a little pressure from without, to get us out of old beaten paths. We were *prepared* for action, but we needed some one to give us the word of command—Advance! We look back upon your visit as a new starting-point in the history of our Travancore Missions. God grant that our hopes may be realized.

"You will be pleased to hear that our four native brethren, ordained while you were here, are all prospering, and have secured for themselves the love, esteem, and confidence of their respective Churches.

"It is very gratifying to observe, on the one hand, the regard and respect which the people here show to their pastor, Mr. Zechariah, and, on the other, the deep interest and affectionate solicitude with which he seeks to discharge his duties as their pastor; and, I doubt not, the same might be said of the other Churches recently formed and their pastors.

"Rev. C. Yesudian paid us a visit last week, and preached for Mr. Zechariah on the Sabbath. He gave us glowing accounts of the success attending his labours, and that of the agents under him in his new sub-district.

"I had a conversation with Rev. S. Mapilammony the other day. The Lord is very manifestly blessing his labours at and around Dennispuram. He tells me that every Sabbath the chapels there, and in several villages around, *are crowded*, and to accommodate the rapidly-increasing congregations the places of worship must be enlarged.

"And our dear, devoted, humble-minded brother Thévasen; no pastor could be more respected, none more loving and more beloved, than he. He is, indeed, as Mr. Duthie remarked the other day, quite the model native pastor.

"Nothing could be more satisfactory, nothing more encouraging, than the results of the important step inaugurated at Nagercoil on the 16th of February last. Truly, 'The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.'

"Since you were here, our little Mission circle has been called to pass through a season of sorrow and trial.

"You will be grieved to learn also that my dear wife is in a very delicate state of health. I have felt for some time past very anxious about her. It is very evident now that, if she is to remain longer in this country, a decided change is absolutely necessary; and, after much prayerful deliberation, and in accordance with the urgent advice of several of the brethren, I have resolved to take her to Coonoor, in the hope that the bracing hill climate may, with God's blessing, be the means of restoring her health.

"I have been far from well myself for some time past, though not prevented from attending to my ordinary duties. My general health is not good, and for the last six weeks or two months I have been *tortured* with a cropping out of small, fiery, irritable boils over the body. If my anxiety regarding my dear wife is removed, with a short stay on the hills I have no doubt I will soon be all right.

"The state of Mrs. Duthie's health, too, is causing us much anxiety. This last excessively warm and protracted hot season has completely prostrated her. She is very low indeed; and certainly if we had not the prospect of cooler weather setting in, it would be a great risk to allow her to remain here. With this prospect, however, and the conviction that any change we could secure for her at present in this country would have only a very temporary effect, and the likelihood that in the course of a year or eighteen months at most she would be obliged to take a voyage home, both for her own and her children's sakes, I feel that it would not be justifiable in me to recommend at present any measures involving much expense or inconvenience, but have advised Mr. Duthie to arrange to send his wife home the beginning of next year.

"I trust that when you know all the particulars, as in due time you will, Dr. Tidman, yourself, and our Directors will approve of the advice I have given.

"All these trials and afflictions remind us of our weakness. May the Lord richly sanctify all His dealings towards us, and promote His own glory thereby.

"And now I am obliged to ask a great favour of the Board. In prospect of opening Branch Dispensaries ere long throughout our Missions, I have had to order much larger supplies of medicines, instruments, &c., this year. I had no other alternative but to draw upon the treasurer of the Society at home. I

hope I have not used too great a liberty in doing so to the extent I have, especially as the greater part is for the means to enable me to carry on my work here.

"As our stock of medicine, &c., is sure to be exhausted before the close of the year, I trust the cases sent to be forwarded to me will be despatched with as little delay as possible.

"And now, with our united kind regards to Dr. Tidman, yourself, Mr. Fairbrother, and Mr. Robinson,

"I remain, my dear Dr. Mullens,

"Yours affectionately,

"JOHN LOWE."

SOUTH AFRICA.

PEELTON.

THE LIGHT OF LIFE RISING OVER BENIGHTED KAFFIRLAND.

"Peelton, South Africa,

"February 8th, 1866.

"MY DEAR SIR,—My esteemed brother the Rev. R. Birt having expressed to me his wish that I should forward to you a report of my labours during the past year, especially as these have reference to, and are brought to bear upon the heathen surrounding us, I will endeavour to comply with his request, and as concisely as possible, that you may form a correct idea of the work which devolves upon the junior missionary, and of the necessity which exists for such an agency in this neighbourhood. Upon the station proper I now share the ministerial work with Mr. Birt, both that of Sabbath services and week-evening engagements, the latter comprising ordinary religious services and the particular instruction of those who are candidates for church fellowship. As Mr. Birt will report upon the condition of the station, it is not necessary that I do more than refer to this part of my work, simply observing that these engagements are to me very pleasant, and appear to afford equal gratification to the people. Our week-evening lecture is often a very interesting service, the exposition of the word of God being listened to with marked attention by both adults and young people.

ITINERANT LABOURS AMONG THE KAFFIRS.

"But, as the itinerating work of the Mission devolves upon me, it may be preferable that I confine my remarks to this most important part of the missionary's toils.

"Without exception, the station must be regarded as a centre from which holy influences should radiate, as the base of operation from whence aggressive effort is to be made upon the powers of darkness in its neighbourhood, as the spot where young persons are more particularly under the care and eye of the missionary, and, being peculiarly favoured by more and careful instruction, may be trained to go forth to their heathen countrymen, break up fresh ground, and prepare the untutored native for more systematic instruction.

"The number of people visited is very great, and, on account of the social habits of the Kaffirs, the toil is often severe of endeavouring to reach them all; whereas in a town of China or city of India hundreds may at any time hear the words of life from the lips of one missionary, but to reach that number a missionary itinerating in Kaffirland must preach four, five, and even more times; and this, performed in the course of one day, involves, on our treeless plains, an amount of exposure to our almost tropical sun often very difficult and painful.

"The natives under our direct instruction at Peulton form but a small proportion of those who come under our influence, and are visited by native evangelists on the Sabbath, and during the week by the missionary.

"During the past year a new out-station has been formed in connection with Peulton. My efforts there are spread over a large extent of country between King William's Town and the sea, on the river Chabo, which sustains a large population, dwelling in villages, of from thirty to four hundred inhabitants.

VILLAGES STILL IN HEATHENISM.

"I was received very kindly by the head man, who was not unacquainted with missionaries, his father (now dead) having been at one time not far from the kingdom of God, but who fell away during the terrible delusion excited by a Kaffir prophetess during the prevalence of which the Kaffirs killed their most prized possessions; viz., cattle. At all the villages I am kindly received, and at one large kraal had the pain of hearing that, although the words spoken were understood, the message of mercy which I brought was new to the people: 'they had not before heard it.' On my last visit to this neighbourhood in company with one of our elders, I made a strenuous effort to reach all the villages, and thought that we had accomplished our object, when, very weary, man and horse turned homeward. On reaching a height which commanded an extended view of the country around, the deacon pointed out villages still beyond, but we were too weary to go further, and could only stay at those which lay near our homeward route. Formerly, when your missionaries were allowed a travelling waggon, days could be spent from home; but I lack this comfort, both for my work and my family, having only been able to purchase riding horses and their accoutrements. If it seemed good to the Directors of our loved Society to make me a grant for a waggon, oxen could be otherwise obtained, and it would be much prized and well taken care of. At no very distant day I hope to place a native schoolmaster in the midst of these people, who will also occasionally conduct a native service on the Sabbath.

GRATITUDE FOR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

Nothing would strike a stranger more forcibly, could he be present at any of our gatherings, than the quiet demeanour and apparently earnest attention of the heathen. The word of God and the exposition of it, together with the enforcement of its claims and the rebuking of their sin, are listened to with an attention not often surpassed in our beloved fatherland; and kind expressions of thankfulness are tendered for our manifested interest in them. Yesterday, while engaged in conversation with a head man after preaching, he told me

that he did not understand why I should urge him to repent *now*, or, to employ his own idiom, 'make haste to repent,' and yet he said 'Your visit to me causes me as much joy as does the sight of the spoil of cattle taken in war.' I am begged by the people very frequently to go to them oftener, and they say, 'We hear when you are with us, but, when you leave, this word leaves us likewise;' adding frequently, 'We are the ignorant—this word is not natural to us.' I only remember two cases in which I have been rudely treated. Another feature is worthy of remark, the absence of begging, even amongst the very poor, excepting in cases of severe distress, which are now, unhappily, very common both amongst the natives and European immigrants.

"In reference to the spiritual concerns of this people, our present deep need is not so much more labourers, nor more knowledge, nor more direct effort for the good of this people, nor increased and more potent civilizing agencies, nor other form of Government, but that upon these forms of men, these dry bones covered with sinew and flesh, the Holy Spirit of God might breathe, the inspiration of the Almighty come down; and does not this involve the deep need of prayer—more earnest, and importunate—on the part of Christians of favoured lands? and then the desert shall become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

"I will only add what will be to you, I believe, grateful tidings, that my health, and that of Mrs. Brockway, continues good.

"With affectionate respect,

"I remain, dear Sir,

"Yours very truly,

"Rev. Dr. TIDMAN."

(Signed)

"THOMAS BROCKWAY.

ORDINATION OF MISSIONARIES.

BRISTOL.

A SPECIAL service was held at Brunswick Chapel, Bristol, July 4th, when the Rev. S. ORGAN, of the Western College, Plymouth, and the Mission College, Highgate, was ordained as a Missionary to India, in connection with the London Missionary Society.

The Rev. J. O. Whitehouse, late of Travancore, described the field of labour; the Rev. J. Morris proposed the usual questions; the Rev. H. I. Roper offered the ordination prayer; Rev. E. J. Hartland gave the charge to the missionary; and the Rev. William Fairbrother gave a special missionary address to the young.

LEAMINGTON.

On Tuesday evening last (July 24th), a service of an interesting character took place in the Congregational Chapel, Hollywalk, Leamington, in connection with the ordination of Mr. T. E. SLATER, lately a student of

Spring Hill College, Birmingham, and the Missionary College, Highgate London, as a Missionary to Calcutta. The chapel was well filled. The Rev. Professor Barker, of Spring Hill College, opened the service by reading the Scriptures and prayer; the Rev. J. Mullens, D.D., of India, and now one of the Foreign Secretaries of the London Missionary Society, described the field of labour to which Mr. Slater has been appointed. Dr. Mullens expressed his great pleasure that Mr. Slater was to enter upon much the same line of work in which he himself had so assiduously laboured for many years, and that he would, in all probability, occupy the same house. The usual questions were asked by the Rev. E. T. Prust, of Northampton; the ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. W. Slater, father of the new missionary, and pastor of the Church; the Rev. R. W. Dale, M.A., of Birmingham, delivered the missionary charge; after which the solemn engagements of the evening were brought to a close by an appropriate prayer offered by the Rev. C. Clemance, B.A., of Nottingham.

HALIFAX.

On Thursday evening, July 26, MR. JOHN NAYLOR, B.A., late of Spring-hill College, Birmingham, was ordained as a missionary to Calcutta, in Sion Chapel, Halifax. The Rev. Bryan Dale, M.A., read the Scriptures and offered prayer. The Rev. Dr. Mullens then gave a graphic description of Calcutta, and impressively stated its moral and spiritual needs. He said that he engaged in the evening's service with peculiar pleasure, not only because his young friend was going to the very city where he had spent twenty happy years, but also because he was about to be occupied in the very work which had so largely engaged his own sympathies and energies. He congratulated Mr. Naylor on the honourable and responsible position to which he was designated. The Rev. James Pridie asked the usual questions, to which the candidate suitably replied. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. John Marsden, B.A., of Kidderminster. The Rev. Professor Bubier, of Spring-hill College, then addressed the missionary on the sentiment with which he might appropriately enter upon his work, and assured him of his heartiest approval and sympathy. The Rev. F. Bolton, B.A., of Elland, the Rev. D. Jones, of Booth, and others took part in the proceedings, in which the deepest interest was manifested by a large congregation.

DEPARTURE OF MISSIONARIES FOR CHINA.

THE Rev. James Sadler and Mrs. Sadler, and Rev. Thomas Bryson, embarked for China, per "Silver Eagle," August 22nd.

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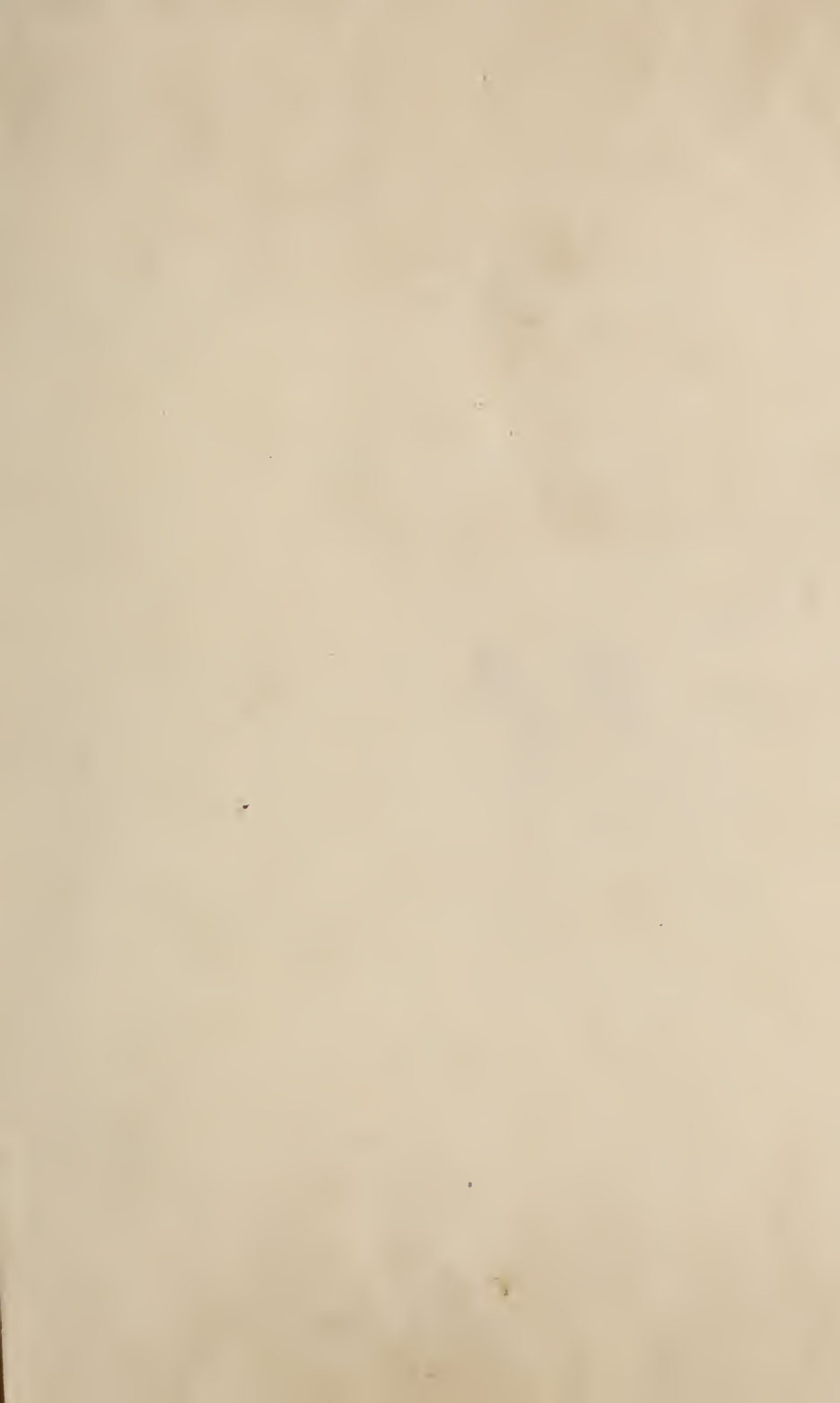
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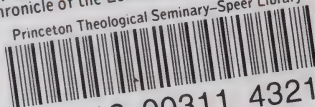
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